



A Christmas Miracle

S E R M O N S E R I E S

Journey Group Lesson “Waiting for a Miracle” – December 16, 2012

Getting Started

What is the longest line you have ever waited in? Was it worth it?

Lewis Smedes talks about waiting this way,

“Waiting is our destiny. As creatures who cannot by themselves bring about what they hope for, we wait in the darkness for a flame we cannot light. We wait in fear for a happy ending that we cannot write. We wait for a “not yet” that feels like a “not ever”.

Can you identify with this quote? Has your past experience made waiting a frightening experience? Why or why not?

Digging Deeper

[Read Matthew 2:1-12](#)

Have you ever thought about why the wise men decided to follow the star? What reasons do you think they might have had for leaving their homes?

The wise men travelled for a long time. What lessons might we learn about waiting from the wise men?

[Read Philippians 1:6](#)

What is the good work that God is doing in us? Does that give you comfort as you wait for Him to work? Why or why not?

Bringing It Home

Have you ever tried to take a shortcut to getting your prayers answered? Was there a price to pay for doing that? What did you learn from the experience?

It is hard to accept that many times the miracle we need most is not what God can do for us but what God will do in us. The truth is that no matter how badly we want what we want, what God is doing in us while we wait is as, if not more, important than what we are waiting for. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

Do you find yourself focusing on the miracle you seek instead of keeping your focus on God? Is there danger in doing that? Why or why not?

Continue to spend some time asking God to do miracles in your life. Ask God for patience as you wait. Spend some time praying for the families in your group.